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Re: Comments on the Microsoft Proposed Settlement Agreement

Dear Ms. Hesse:

It goes without saying that the settlement agreement between the U.S. Government and Microsoft comes at a critical time when our economy and nation most need reconciliation.

The proposed settlement requires significant changes in the way Microsoft develops, licenses and markets its software. This settlement is fair. It prevents Microsoft from abusing the strength that it derives from its operating system, but also allows the company to continue innovating in all areas of software development.

Microsoft in Texas is a major employer and contributor to our economy. In addition, Microsoft and its employees in Texas donate millions of dollars annually to a large variety of charitable causes.

I congratulate you on developing a strong but fair settlement.

Sincerely,

Susan Weddington  
Chairman